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## **GREEK ARCHITECTS SELECT 79 LEADING-EDGE DESIGNS FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE 2017 AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS**

***The Nation's Highest Public Award for New Architecture by the Most Prominent Architecture  
Firms in the United States Are Honored at a Gala Reception/Dinner  
at the Orlando Museum of Art this April 27***

ATHENS, GREECE (March 27, 2017) — Seventy-nine shortlisted buildings have won the prestigious 2017 *American Architecture Awards®* for the best new buildings designed and constructed by American architects in the U.S. and abroad and by international architects for buildings designed and built in the United States.

Now in its 23rd year, *The American Architecture Awards* were announced today (Tuesday, March 27) by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies—organizers of this annual prestigious program for Design Excellence and for the best and finest contributions to innovative contemporary American architecture.

*The American Architecture Awards* are the nation's highest public awards given by a non-commercial, non-trade affiliated, public arts, culture and educational institution.

From a shortlist of 300 buildings and urban planning projects, this year's *American Architecture Awards* went to exceptional buildings designed for every stage of our lives: skyscrapers, corporate headquarters, governmental buildings, science and technology centers, transportation centers, airports, hotels, parks, pavilions, restorations and renovations, retail facilities, housing projects, private homes, schools, universities, art, cultural and health buildings, urban planning and landscape architecture, interiors, and other humanitarian and educational initiatives.

“This comprehensive and even-handed overview of new American Architecture for 2017,” states Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, Museum President, The Chicago Athenaeum, “allows you (as a viewer) to

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witness the enormous diversity in the American practice of architecture today. This year's selection by the Greek jury was more interested in discussions concerning the problems of the environment, social context, technical and constructive solutions, the responsible use of energies, restoration and adaptive-reuse, and the sensitive use of materials and ecology.”

“Every one of the 79 winning buildings and urban designs illustrate why American architecture continues to be cutting-edge and globally influential.”

“The winning projects are each stunning and provocative new additions to their urban and rural locations—authentic connections to nature and to the very cultures in which they coexist. The selected projects have a positive psychological effect on the communities in which they are built and in which they serve—every detail looks handcrafted; every facade contextualized; every plan, diagram, and section particularly and exquisitely well executed.”

“The selected buildings and urban planning projects uniquely and sensitively reconcile the principles underlying architectural design with the rapid technological advancements and the modernization of our society today. This year, there was a considerable emphasis on restoration, renovation, and adaptive re-use as the Green Revolution continues to impact cities and the buildings in which we live, work, pray, and become educated and culturally refined.”

“The Chicago Athenaeum believes that *The American Architecture Awards* serve the direct and distinct purpose of promoting Good Design and as a vehicle to further enlighten the general public's understanding and knowledge about architecture and the design arts,” states Narkiewicz-Laine.

The 2017 Greek Jury for Awards included:

- Giannis Giannoutsos — Architect, Visual Artist
- Pantelis Kabouropoulos — PANK\_architects and and Open Platform For Architecture (OPA)
- Nikos Kazeros, Architect — Senior Lecturer, Metropolitan College, Athens
- Iro Nikolakea — Head of the Department of Architecture, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Athens
- Vasilis Vavuyos — Officetwentyfivearchitects
- Stavros Vidalis — Stavros Vidalis Architect
- Manolis Vourakis — Officetwentyfivearchitects

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The following 79 Awarded American projects for 2017 are:

1. **510 HOUSE**, Fox Point, Wisconsin by Johnsen Schmalig Architects
2. **THE LINEAR CABIN**, St Germain, Wisconsin by Johnsen Schmalig Architects
3. **WAKE TECH REGIONAL PLANT TEACHING FACILITY**, Raleigh, North Carolina by Clark Nexsen
4. **MICHIGAN LAKE HOUSE**, Leelanau County, Michigan by Desai Chia Architecture
5. **IN SITU**, San Francisco, California by Aidlin Darling Design
6. **3 LP Residence**, Iowa City, Iowa by substance
7. **CORPORATE CAMPUS CAFE AND TRAINING CENTER**, West Des Moines, Iowa by substance
8. **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON STATION**, Seattle, Washington by LMN Architects
9. **RIVERSPORT RAPIDS**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by Elliott + Associates Architects
10. **FRAMEWORK**, Portland, Oregon by Works Partnership Architecture
11. **GOLDEN 1 CENTER**, Sacramento, California by AECOM
12. **SPENCER MUSEUM OF ART RENOVATION THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**, Lawrence, Kansas by Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects
13. **HIDE OUT**, Los Angeles, California by Dan Brunn Architecture
14. **RAJEUNIR BLACK CAVIAR**, Palm Desert, California by Studio Jantzen
15. **GRACE STREET RESIDENCE**, San Francisco, California by VeeV Design
16. **CHAPEL FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA**, Cayey, Puerto Rico by Toro Arquitectos
17. **MINOR AND STEWART**, Seattle, Washington by WATG
18. **ARTIST RETREAT**, Upstate New York by GLUCK+
19. **TU LIEN BRIDGE**, Ha Noi, Vietnam by WATG
20. **15 RENWICK**, New York, New York by ODA New York
21. **GATEWAY PLAZA**, Richmond, Virginia by Forum Studio
22. **COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL**, New Haven, Connecticut by Gray Organschi Architecture
23. **BURJ 2020**, Dubai, United Arab Emirates by RNL Design
24. **COLLEGE OF MARIN ACADEMIC CENTER**, Kentfield, California by TLCD Architecture + Mark Cavagnero Associates
25. **OVERLOOK GUEST HOUSE, Los Gatos, California by Schwartz and Architecture**
26. **TREC - Training Recreation Education Center**, Newark, New Jersey by kon.5 architects
27. **FAST HORSE**, Duluth, Minnesota by Salmela Architect
28. **KMAC MUSEUM RENOVATION**, Louisville, Kentucky by Christo : Finio Architecture
29. **WASHINGTON FRUIT & PRODUCE CO. HEADQUARTERS**, Yakima, Washington by Graham Baba Architects
30. **MINNESOTA STREET PROJECT**, San Francisco, California by Jensen Architects
31. **ALAMO SQUARE RESIDENCE**, San Francisco, California by Jensen Architects

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32. **THE MAIN MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES ART**, Los Angeles, California by Tom Wiscombe Architecture
33. **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA VISUAL ARTS BUILDING**, Iowa City, Iowa by Steven Holl Architects
34. **DEBRUCE CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**, Iowa City, Iowa by Gould Evans
35. **SHINSEGAE INTERNATIONAL**, Seoul, South Korea by Olson Kundig
36. **ST PATRICK'S ISLAND**, Calgary, Alberta, Canada by W Architecture and Landscape
37. **BRIDGE FOR LABORATORY SCIENCES VASSAR COLLEGE INTEGRATED SCIENCE COMMONS**, Poughkeepsie, New York by Ennead Architects
38. **MARTIN'S LANE WINERY**, Seattle, Washington by Olson Kundig
39. **MIRRORHOUSE**, Beverly Hills, California by XTEN Architecture
40. **LITTLE HOUSE**, Seabeck, Washington by mwworks
41. **GLOBAL CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM (GCAM)**, North Adams, Massachusetts by Gluckman Tang Architects
42. **ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SOUTH TERMINAL COMPLEX**, Orlando, Florida by Fentress Architects
43. **COLORADO ESPLANADE**, Santa Monica, California by PWP Landscape Architecture
44. **SWIFT AGENCY**, Portland, Oregon by Beebe Skidmore Architects
45. **MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN DESIGN AND MEDIA CENTER**, Boston, Massachusetts by Ennead Architects
46. **SAWMILL**, Tehachapi, California by Olson Kundig
47. **GEMMA OBSERVATORY**, Southern New Hampshire by Anmahian Winton Architects
48. **GUEST HOUSE**, Wainscott, New York by Roger Ferris + Partners
49. **ONTARIO RESIDENCE**, Washington, DC. by David Jameson Architect
50. **LAKE HOUSE**, Stockbridge, Massachusetts by Taylor and Miller Architecture and Design
51. **AESOP THE SHAY**, Washington, DC. by Taylor and Miller Architecture and Design
52. **CUERNAVACA RESIDENCE**, Austin, Texas by alterstudio architecture LLP.
53. **BENJAMIN P. GROGAN AND JERRY L. DOVE FEDERAL BUILDING**, Miramar, Florida by Krueck + Sexton Architects
54. **PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM**, Los Angeles, California by Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates
55. **REDWOOD HIGHWAY**, Mill Valley, California by Studio VARA
56. **WHITNEY MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART**, New York, New York by Renzo Piano Building Architects and Cooper Robertson
57. **SQUARE HOUSE**, Mill Valley, California by Levenbetts
58. **HANNA ANDERSSON HEADQUARTERS, Portland, Oregon by ZGF Architects, LLP.**
59. **CHARLES SMITH WINES JET CITY**, Seattle, Washington by Olson Kundig
60. **TAUBMAN COMPLEX**, Southfield, Michigan by Morphosis Architects

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61. **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY EMBODIED COMPUTATION LAB**, Princeton, New Jersey by The Living
62. **PRESTON OUTDOOR EDUCATION STATION**, Elmdale, Kansas by KSU Design+Make Studio
63. **THE STOREFRONT THEATER**, Lyons, Nebraska by Matthew Mazzotta
64. **HARVEY CLINIC**, Rogers, Arkansas by Marlon Blackwell Architects
65. **PACIFIC CENTER CAMPUS AMENITIES BUILDING, San Diego, California by BNIM**
66. **SEA SONG**, Big Sur, California by Form4 Architecture
67. **WILLOW CREEK NORTH SHORE**, Glenview, Illinois by Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture
68. **CONFIDENTIAL OFFICE COMPLEX**, Chicago, Illinois by Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture
69. **38 NEWBURY STREET**, Boston, Massachusetts by Touloukian Touloukian Inc.
70. **SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL- NEW ENGLAND**, Brookline, Massachusetts by Touloukian Touloukian Inc.
71. **BLU DOT SHOWROOM**, West Hollywood, California by Standard Architecture
72. **DAVIS-HARRINGTON WELCOME CENTER**, Springfield, Missouri by Dake Wells Architecture
73. **MIT KRESGE AUDITORIUM AND CHAPEL RENOVATIONS** Cambridge, Massachusetts by EYP
74. **PACIFIC HEIGHTS RESIDENCE**, San Francisco, California by Jensen Architects
75. **LIBERTY PARK**, New York, New York by AECOM
76. **HARAHAN BRIDGE - BIG RIVER CROSSING**, Memphis, Tennessee by Philips Lighting
77. **THE NEW ST. PETE PIER**, St. Petersburg, Florida, by Rogers Partners
78. **CHICAGO RIVERWALK**, Chicago, Illinois by Ross Barney Architects
79. **AMERICAN ENTERPRISE GROUP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION**, Des Moines, Iowa by BNIM

*The American Architecture Awards*, founded 23 years ago, is a centerpiece of The Chicago Athenaeum and the European Centre's efforts to identify and promote best practices in all types of architectural development and to bring a global focus to light of the best new designs from the United States. It is the only national and global program of its kind.

On Thursday, April 27, The Chicago Athenaeum will host an Awards Presentation/Gala Reception/ Dinner at the Orlando Museum of Art honoring the winning architects and their clients. Individual Dinner Tickets are \$200.00. Ticket information is available by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum at +815/777-4444.

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All awarded buildings and urban planning projects are published in (Global Design + Urbanism XVII) *New American Architecture* published by Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd. Books can be purchased by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum or on-line at [metropolitanartspress.com](http://metropolitanartspress.com)

In Summer 2017, The Chicago Athenaeum, together with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, will present an exhibition of all awarded buildings for 2017. The exhibition, *New American Architecture* opens at Contemporary Space in Athens (74 Mitropoleos Street) Athens, Greece.

Other tours of the exhibition in Europe and the U.S. to be announced.

The deadline for the 2018 American Architecture Awards is February 1, 2018.

Applications for 2018 are available on line at [www.chi-athenaeum.org](http://www.chi-athenaeum.org).

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**NOTE TO REPORTERS AND EDITORS:** Photos of the 2017 American Architecture Awards are available for download. For more details on the award and previous winners, visit The Chicago Athenaeum's website at [www.chi-athenaeum.org](http://www.chi-athenaeum.org)

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